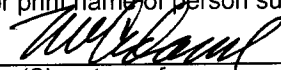


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Sir:

This Reply is submitted as a complete reply to the Office action dated 27 July 2006, for which a three month time for response was provided, and is filed together with Applicant's RCE. Accordingly, Applicants' Reply is timely filed without extension of time. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments, the attached Declaration and the following Remarks.